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1. ON JULY 4 EASUM TALKED WITH DR. BERNICE REAGON OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION CONCERNING HIS CONVERSATION JULY 1 WITH AMBASSADOR SANU ON CONTINUING NIGERIAN FAILURE TO CONFIRM NIGERIAN TROUPE'S PARTICIPATION IN DIASPORA CELEBRATION. DR. REAGON SAID SHE HAVING VERY HARD TIME FORESTALLING SMITHSONIAN CANCELLATION OF NIGERIAN SCHEDULE.

2. DEPARTMENT AWARE OF EMBASSY'S CONTINUING PRESSURES ON ASHIWAJA AND HIS COLLEAGUES. WE NONETHELESS BELIEVE MEA ASSISTANCE IS WARRANTED. SUGGEST EMBASSY PRESS MEA, THUS FORTIFYING DEMARCHE SANU PROMISED TO MAKE.

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